

CHAPTER LXXII.

An Act to amend an act passed June twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, entitled "An Act relating to Prairie Fires."

SECTION 1. Penalty for setting fire to prairies or woods.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That Section one (1) of an act entitled, "An Act relating to Prairie Fires," approved June twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—"Section one. That if any person or persons shall, at any time hereafter, willfully and intentionally, or negligently and carelessly, set on fire, or cause to be set on fire, any woods, prairies or other grounds whatsoever, in any part of this State, every person so offending, shall on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay not less than five (5) dollars nor more than one hundred (100) dollars, and in default of the payment of said fine shall be committed to the county jail for a term of time not less than thirty days nor more than three months; *Provided*, That this Section shall not extend to any person who shall set on fire any woods or prairies, adjoining his or her own farm or enclosure, for the necessary protection thereof from accident by fire, by giving to his or her neighbors one day's notice of such intention; *Provided, further*, That in case the neighbors come together and participate in the burning of any woods, prairies or grounds the notice specified in this Section shall not be necessary or given; *Provided, also*, That this Section shall not be construed to take away any civil remedy which any person may be entitled to for any injury which may be done or received in consequence of such firing.

Penalty for setting fire to prairies, woods &c

AMOS COGGSWELL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY,

President of the Senate.

Approved March tenth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA, {
March 10th, 1860. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

J. H. BAKER, Secretary of State.